



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	00/053,412
Filing Date	04-01-98
Examiner Name	Karl D. Tsch
First Named Inventor	Isao KUDO
Group Art Unit	2870
Attorney Docket Number	31759-138000

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
 NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SR-29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 23, 2002.
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. **Enclosed**
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Request for Extension of Time (3 mos.)
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.P. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ 1790 enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	August 7, 2002

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DATE: AUG 07 2002

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1790

Complete if Known

Application Number 09/053/040

Filing Date (4/01/98)

First Named Inventor Isaac H. LUDO

Examiner Name Karl D. Frech

Group Art Unit 2876

Attorney Docket No. 21756-138000

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

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☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

2 ☒ Payment Enclosed

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1 BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	130	101	130	Utility filing fee	
102	330	102	330	Design filing fee	
107	510	107	510	Plant filing fee	
108	740	108	740	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	114	160	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 0

2 EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	18	103	18	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	102	84	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	104	280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	109	84	Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	110	18	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$) 0

3 ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	130	101	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
102	330	102	330	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
103	130	103	130	Non-English specification	
107	510	107	510	For filing a request for reexamination	
110	1840	110	1840	Requesting publication of SIP prior to Examiner action	
111	110	111	110	Extension for reply within first month	
112	400	112	400	Extension for reply within second month	
113	920	113	920	Extension for reply within third month	920
114	1440	114	1440	Extension for reply within fourth month	
108	1980	108	1980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
115	320	115	320	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	120	300	Filing a unit in support of an appeal	
121	280	121	280	Request for oral hearing	
130	1510	130	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	140	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1280	141	1280	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1280	142	1280	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	143	460	Design issue fee	
144	820	144	820	Plant issue fee	
122	150	122	150	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (i)	
124	180	124	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet	
125	40	125	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
145	740	145	740	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
146	740	146	740	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
173	740	173	740	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	740
153	900	153	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify): Suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.103(c)					130
SUBTOTAL (3)					(\$) 1790

*For number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above.

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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